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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: DD/S&T Position on Coordination of
Audio-Surveillance and Audio-
Surveillance Countermeasures
Planning and Programs within the
U. S. Intelligence Community

The Directorate of Science and Technology concurs in the recommendations of the DD/P to the DCI on the above subject matter, with the following exceptions:

a. We believe the responsibility to stimulate, guide, and coordinate the research and development of defensive audio-surveillance equipment throughout the intelligence community can be done properly only by individuals having the prerequisite scientific and technical background and an organizational responsibility to engage in this work. Therefore, with reference to the recommendation appearing in paragraph 4.f of the DD/P's memorandum to the DCI, we non-concur. We recommend that the appropriate method of handling this problem is the establishment of two inter-Agency committees on defensive audio-surveillance matters. The first committee, to be chaired by a representative of the Director of Security, CIA, would address itself to identifying requirements and those policy and operational matters which do not include the responsibilities of stimulating and coordinating the research and development of defensive equipment. The second committee, to be chaired by a representative of the DD/S&T, CIA, and having on it technically qualified representatives from the Department of State, the FBI and DIA, would concern itself with research and development matters.


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b. We do not concur in the recommendation of the DD/P, found in paragraph 5 of his memorandum to the DCI, which would lead to the establishment of an "internal Agency mechanism to coordinate certain aspects of Agency audio activity" including cognizance of research and development matters. We believe the more appropriate and existing mechanism for this purpose, in both the positive and defensive fields, is the Agency Research and Development Board. We register no objections to the creation of a new internal Agency mechanism which confines its cognizance to matters of policy, operations, requirements, etc.


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